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Toward Zero Deaths

Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) is a multifaceted program by the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety to eliminate roadway deaths using the multifaceted approach of education, roadway engineering, and law enforcement to achieve the goal of zero traffic deaths.

In the 10-year period prior to the implementation of the TZD program, Minnesota had averaged approximately 608 deaths per year.

In the 10 years the TZD program has been implemented, the average number of deaths has decreased to 395.

According to a preliminary report just released by the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety, the number of traffic fatalities for 2017 has dropped to 348 which is the lowest in 74 years and the second lowest since 1926!



To put these numbers in perspective, Minnesota has kept traffic fatality records since 1910, when there were 23 fatalities.

Since 1910, there have been 4 years where more than 1,000 motorists were killed with 1968 being the deadliest year with 1,060 fatalities.

Of the 2017 fatalities, 98 were alcohol-related, 82 were speed related, and 16 involved distracted driving. This number included 80 unbelted motorists.

While you are thinking of a New Year's resolution worth keeping, add not drinking and driving, slowing down, putting the phone down, and wearing your seatbelt to the list.

If you don't do it for yourself, do it for your loved ones, who will feel the pain of losing you.

The Worthington Police Department is proud to participate in the TZD program to make our roadways safer for everyone.

Credit: Office of Traffic Safety

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2017 Statistics

The year 2017 was another busy year for the Worthington Police Department. Overall, the department had 11,070 calls for service (CFS) with 9,554 requiring an initial report (IR). Of these calls, 1,422 were 911 calls.

Worthington officers also made 4,544 traffic stops over the year, which averages over 12 per day.

Listed below are selected statistics of police activity for 2017.



Traffic

Accidents	350
DWI	85
Injury Accidents	39
Fatal Accidents	0
Hit and Run Accidents	118
Parking Complaints	103
Traffic Hazards	67

Fire/EMS

Fire Calls	37
Ambulance Calls	593
Lift Assists	52

Alarm Calls

Fire Alarms	29
Burglar Alarms	124
Panic Alarms	18
Supervisory Alarms	14

Property Crimes

Theft	171
Shoplifting	63
Burglary	48
Burglary Attempts	7
Motor Vehicle Thefts	29
Tamper with a Motor Vehicle	13
Property Damage	149
Gas Drive Offs	56
Fraud	50
Scams	47

Crimes Against Persons

Murder	0
Kidnapping	1
Assault	59
Threats	60
Domestics	102
Robbery	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	8

Community Service

Blue in the School	180
Blue in the Community	163
Funeral Escorts	72
Business Checks	376
Business Walk-Throughs	391
Lost Property	18
Found Property	52

Miscellaneous Calls

Death Investigations	15
Suicidal Individuals	46
Child Custody Disputes	36
Disorderly Conduct	82
Harassing Communication	85
Trespassing	101
Suspicious Persons	398
Information Received	81
Weapon Complaints	5
Flee on Foot	5
Indecent Exposure	4
Disturbing the Peace	42
Dog/Animal Complaint	92
Barking dog	45
Dog at Large	28
K-9 Assist	13

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

100% Anonymous



BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

Scam Alert: Western Union Refunds for Scam Victims

It is no secret that Western Union was one of the preferred methods that scammers used to transfer funds from the victims of scams to the perpetrator.

After a joint investigation by the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice, and the U. S. Postal Inspection Service, Western Union admitted to aiding and abetting wire fraud and has agreed to pay \$586

million dollars into a fund to pay back the victims of these scams.

If you lost money to a scammer who had you pay using Western Union between January 1, 2004 and January 19, 2017, you are eligible to file a claim to recover some of your money back.

The amount of money you can get will depend on my much you lost, and the number of people who submitted valid claims.

The money refunded will include money sent via Western Union only and does not include other expenses such as fees paid to send the money.



To receive information on filing a claim, you can go to either www.ftc.gov/enforcement/cases-proceedings/refunds/western-union-settlement-faqs, or www.westernunionreimission.com, or email the administrator at info@westernunionreimission.com or you can call the administrator at 844-319-2124.

The claims can take up to a year to be verified and processed.

iPhone Auto Dial 911

Those with a new iPhone 8 or iPhone X may not be aware of two new features that automatically call 911.

The default setting on the new iPhones with iOS 11 has the “Auto Call” for Emergency SOS turned on.

This is a setting that automatically calls 911 if the side button and either of the volume buttons are pressed and held.

Once the buttons are pressed and held, a timer shows on the screen and an alert will sound. If you continue to hold the buttons down, the phone will call 911 when the timer ends.

If you are concerned about inadvertently calling 911, you can turn off the auto call feature.

To turn off the auto call, go to your settings menu and find the “Emergency SOS” button. Click on it and you will see a button labeled “Auto Call”. Click on here to turn off the “Auto Call” feature.

The second feature that will automatically call 911 is the “Call with Side Button” feature. This feature will automatically call 911 if you quickly press the side button five times.

This feature can also be disabled on the same screen as the “Auto Call” button.

The new iPhones will still allow 911 calls to be made from the lock screen.

Consider disabling the “Emergency SOS” features if young children use the telephone to prevent unnecessary 911 calls from being placed.

If you do call 911 by accident, please stay on the line and talk to the dispatcher.

The “Auto Call” features are available only on the new iPhone 8 and iPhone X models.

“Auto Call” will not work on the iPhone 7 or older, even if they are using the newest iOS.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

For everyone who had a great Christmas this year; there is a 5-year-old boy in Mississippi to thank.

Five-year-old, TyLon was watching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at home when he suddenly became scared.

TyLon picked up the phone and called 911 with an urgent tip.

TyLon told the dispatcher that he wanted them to watch out for the Grinch because he was going to steal Christmas.

An officer from the police department stopped by and told TyLon that Christmas was safe, and they invited him down to the police station.

TyLon, who wants to be a police officer when he grows up, was excited to take them up on the offer.

When TyLon arrived at the police station a few days later, he found the Grinch was in the back of a police car.

TyLon took the Grinch by the hand and walked him into the holding



cell and locked the door.

The Grinch commended TyLon for his bravery and was eventually set free after receiving a stern warning from our little hero!

Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity
by working WITH the community
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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